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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Ghrelin-Carrier Conjugates**
Inventors: BACHMANN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1700.0340001/BJD/U-W

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

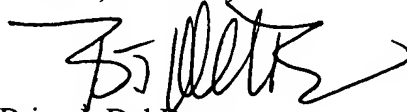
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 20, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.

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